



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Verrier *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/769,439

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For: **Kit for Transvenously Accessing
the Pericardial Space Via the
Right Atrium**

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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 6), the period for response to which extends through August 26, 2002 (August 24, 2002 being a Saturday), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments.
37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled:
"Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent

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